

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**State Children's Health Insurance Program
(LAC 50:III.Chapters 201 and 205)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule terminating coverage of uninsured children in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act, or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) to repeal the provisions of LAC 50:III.Chapters 201 and 205 in order to terminate coverage of uninsured children under the Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) authority (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 44, Number 1).

The department has now determined that it is necessary to rescind the provisions of the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule. Effective immediately, upon adoption of this Emergency Rule, the department shall return to the provisions in place governing LaCHIP located in LAC 50:III.Chapters 201 and 205. This action

is being promulgated in order to promote the health and welfare of children receiving services in the Medicaid Program.

Effective January 27, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule terminating coverage of uninsured children under the Title XXI CHIP authority which was published in the January 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

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